

REMARKS

Claims 27-51, 53-63, and 67-74 1-26, 52, 64-66 have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121m among:

Group I, claims 27-37, 42-51, 53-63, 67-68 and 73, drawn to a gene encoding potato class A starch branching enzyme, methods for transforming plants therewith to reduce the expression of the native gene for the production of altered starch and the plants transformed thereby;

Group II, claims 38-41, drawn to a potato class A starch branching enzyme;

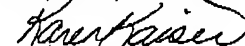
Group III, claims 69-71 and 74 drawn to starch-containing foodstuffs; and

Group IV, claim 72, drawn to textiles.

Applicants elect Group I, 27-37, 42-51, 53-63, 67-68 and 73. Claims 38-41, 69-72 and 74 are cancelled, subject to Applicants' right to refile the nonelected subject matter in a divisional application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests early action on this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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